

REMARKS***Summary of the Amendment***

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

Applicants note that the instant amendment has been prepared to present the claims and specification in better form for U.S. patent prosecution. Thus, Applicants submit that the instant amendment has not been made for any reasons related to patentability such that no estoppel should be deemed to attach.

With regard to the drawings, Applicants note that the Figures 1, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended to include additional reference numerals. Moreover, each of the Figures has been presented in a cleaner format to facilitate examination.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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DRAWING REVISIONS

Attached hereto as an Appendix are Replacement Sheets for Figures 1 – 11, without any markings. The changes to the drawings are explained below, in the “REMARKS” section. All of the drawings on the replacement sheets, as originally filed, are provided herein.